

# To the Right Honour:<sup>ble</sup> the Lords

assembled in PARLIAMENT,

*The Humble Petition, and appeale of Martha Hat, alias Arundell, the oppressed Widow of Cornet Simon Hat deceased.*



**HEWETH:** That your Petitioners Husband was an Officer of Horse in his Majesties old standing Army in *Ireland*, many yeares before the late bloody and horred Rebellion; for which Service, there is Due to your oppressed Petitioner 230. and odde pounds, as doth appeare by the Lord *Robert Dillon*s muster Rolls.

That hee likewise served in the like Capacity in *Ireland*, against the bloody Rebels in *Connaught*, from the 26.<sup>th</sup> of *October* 1641. untill the 18.<sup>th</sup> of *August*, 1643. and then Dyed of his hurts and wounds contracted in the said Service against the bloody Rebels of *Ireland*, as by Authentique Certificates doth appeare remaining with the Petitioner.

That her said Husband received no Pay at all for his good and faithfull service against the Rebels, but maintained himself and foure Men well mounted and armed untill his Death, towards the maintaining of his Majesties rights and interest there against the bloody Rebels.

That your Petitioner and her Husband had an Estate in the yeare 1641. amounting to the value of 4000. pounds and upwards, but their estate being only personall swept quite away by the Rage and fury of the bloody and mercilefs Enemy, the most part of them fled into *Spain* their Lands forfeited, and now in the possession of such Officers and Souldiers which have served there, since the yeare 1649. which never lost any estates there, only because they have done, what service they have done since the yeare 1649. That by reason of an A<sup>t</sup> of pretended Parliamentary power made and passed on the 26.<sup>th</sup> day of *September*, 1653. the said pretended A<sup>t</sup> relating thus: *That such only of this present Army, or that have been, shall receive satisfaction for their Service,* the which word only mentioned in the said pretended A<sup>t</sup>, hath to this houre kept your oppressed Petitioner from injoying, or being possessed of any of the forfeited Rebels lands there, either for her Husbonds severall faithfull Services, or for Monies lent by your poore Petitioner, or for any Provisions taken from her for the relieving of the great necessities of the English garrisons in *Connaught*, before the yeare 1649. although it is very well knowne that your Petitioners said Husband did bear his burthen and double share of the heat of the Day both in his Person and Estate, untill hee lost his Life; That all such Officers and Souldiers as have served in *Ireland*, since the yeare 1649. Did receive halfe pay, untill they were put into possession of Lands, at which time such Officers were suffered to make their accounts for their service by such done, both for their English service, and their arreares for *Irish* service, and divers others have gotten into possession of Lands in *Ireland*, for their *English* service, which never served there at all, to the utter ruine of all such Officers, Widowes, and Orphans, which formerly lived there, lost great Estates, enlisted in his Majesties standing Army, and found ever faithfull and loyall to the Crowne of *England*.

That your Petitioner is well able to Demonstrate and cleerly to prove, that by reason of that aforesaid self-seeking pretended A<sup>t</sup> granted in *Septemb.* 1653. the grand Fellons and Traytors of *Ireland*, such being well known ~~to be~~, and in armes with the bloody Rebels from the yeare 1641. untill the yeare 1651. such as had nothing to live upon before the late Rebellion, they having enriched themselves by Robbing and dispoyling of the English Protestants, and have purchased friends whereby they have been admitted to take out Debenters, and have had Lands allotted to them for their service done since 1649. although knowne to bee in actual Rebellion untill 1651.

That your oppressed Petitioner hath by due proceedings in the Courts of Iustice, sued severall known Rebels, the law hath done her Iustice, she had Iudgment, Decree, and Execution against one, and had another in the Sheriffs custody in the City of *Dublin*, under a lawfull Arrest, but by the malice, power and potency of *Miles Corbet* the then Lord chiefe Baron, *Sir Hardris Waller*, *Sir Theophilus Jones*, and Major *Anthony Morgan*, your Petitioners Iudgment, Decree and Execution vacated, and one *Tho. Dowling* her Prisoner violently taken out of the Bayliffs custody by one *James Mortimer*, then Serjeant at Armes to the then Councell in *Ireland*.

*The Premises considered.*

Your Petitioner humbly supplicates your Honours, That shee may receive her Satisfaction out of the Rebels forfeited Lands in *Ireland*, for what shall be made to appeare justly Due to her said Husband before the Rebellion, for his Service by him done, as Cornet to the Troope of Horse under the Command of *Robert Lord Dillon* of *Kilkenny-West*, with what was justly due to him at the day of his Death, for his very good and faithfull Service by him done against the bloody Rebels of *Ireland*, and what is justly due to your Petitioner for Provisions, and ready Monies taken from her for the necessity of the supplying the Army in *Conaught*, and that she may have the benefit of the Lawes of the Land against the said *Thomas Dowling*, who broke open your Petitioners house in the yeare 1641. and robbed and Plundered her to the value of 300. pounds and upwards, and that she may have the benefit of her just proceedings and Decree against one *David Shorne* a Duchman, who robbed your Petitioner on the High-way in the yeare 1646. in the time of mutuall cessation of Armes, and that shee may receive her full Damages and Costs from the then Lord chiefe Baron *Corbet*, and from *Sir Hardris Waller*, *Sir Theophilus Jones*, and Major *Anthony Morgan*, and *James Mortimer*, for their obstructing the Courts of Justice, and depriving your oppressed Petitioner of her Birth-right, as to your Honours shall seeme meet, and according to the true merit of her Cause, and what your Honours in mercy and compassion shall be pleased to allow her and her Orphant towards her great Losses sustained by the Rebels as aforesaid,

*And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.*

MARTHA HAT, alias ARUNDELL.

*Her Petition to the Parliament of England, 1660.*



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